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Discussion Questions (Posed by Facilitator)

- What are you looking for in "passive parks"?
 - Should not have ballfields
 - Willowsford should connect to Hal and Berni
 - Need better maps of recreational facilities, parks, and biking trails
 - Green space
 - Benches
 - Public, not HOA
 - Planned, not leftover spots
 - Potentially integrated parks, Active and Passive
 - More green space/larger lots
 - Throughout area- less "HOA" space
 - More community-wide space
 - Centrally located
 - Independent of HOAs
 - Look at community of Dulles as a whole, north and south
 - Central space Core of community
 - No place-green space-for festivals, etc.
- What County facilities, including schools, do you consider compatible for collocation?
 - Arcola School
 - Dulles South Multipurpose Center- senior center/after and preschool/bus transit
 - Nice to have an Academy of Sciences like school in Dulles
- What does affordable housing mean and how can the County promote it in Dulles?
 - Need more condos
 - County needs to seriously relook at ADU program
 - Current ADU program focuses on small income ranges (30-55K)
 - Need programs to include incomes not covered by ADU program
 - Better enforcement of ADU regs (buyers are renting out)
 - Affordable housing is needed for service sector employers to have a local workforce
 - Co-issue with public transit
 - No true public transportation system for workforce housing (ie. Nurses, etc.)
 - Workforce housing is an economic development issue
 - Need more Multi Family
 - As a restaurant owner, most employees come from elsewhere due to housing unaffordability
 - Not enough apartment complexes in Dulles
 - Lack of affordable apartments in Dulles
 - Add to housing mix
 - Near bus routes
 - Also near hospital, metro
 - New light rail system
 - Better public transportation for age-restricted housing

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- What are the big school issues that need to be addressed?
 - Need crosswalks at John Champe HS
 - School bus and other routes should go by the library
 - Technical education facility
 - John Champe is the only school with left turn on 45 MPH road better access to neighborhoods
- What would convince you to stay in Loudoun for entertainment, cultural attractions, professional services, outdoor activities, etc?
 - Facility that can hold prom and/or banquet center
 - Maybe in Arcola
 - Stadium or performance area
- Are their community concerns about the availability of programs for children?

Other Topics (Initiated by Participants)

- Map Notes
 - Hospital evolves into a Bio-Med corridor
 - Expand Route 50 landscaping guidelines
 - Along Rt 606 and other major roadways
 - Connect hospital/medial tie into Prince William biotech industry (see work shop map)
 - Need for community college near hospital
 - Look west on Rte 50
 - To wineries/breweries
 - Opportunities for international market
 - Education/viticulture/restaurant industries, etc.
- Other Needs
 - o Community center like Reston
 - At Arcola School
 - Existing fields
 - Carver Center
 - Enhance animal services
 - Shelters
 - Help stray cats through the County of Loudoun
 - Need something like a Ronald McDonald House
 - o A hotel that can serve StoneSprings Hospital and John Champe Events
 - o Badly need site for animal rescue facility (those losing their habitat)
 - Need a stop light at Northstar dependent upon timing of road improvements around John Champe HS
 - Non school facilities for MS students

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- More bus transit
 - Shuttle for seniors
 - Fairfax Q
- o Community branding, not just individual neighborhoods
- o Expand architectural guidelines along Route 50 and beyond
- Seniors have a mobility issue
- o Businesses need more "employment" base to support retail/restaurant?
- Data Centers do not support other businesses
- o 50-Middleburg-tie in to wine beer-education-culinary school
- o "melding/melting pot" concert series with other amenities need place
- o County needs to "brand" Dulles South
 - Create "events" for the entire community
 - Take current neighborhood events (yard sales, etc.) to next level (community-wide)
- Keep the existing tress at Dulles Landing
- Concern-How to get to Old Arcola School if it is adaptively reused because access to it currently is already a problem
- Busses to DSMP for 12-17 yr olds/all ages
- o In the Dulles area, everything should be connected by a sidewalk
 - Community connectivity
- Connect Willowsford to Hal and Berni Hansen